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SUBJECT: MALDIVES: INFORMATION ON FORCED LABOR AND EXPLOITATIVE
CHILD LABOR IN THE PRODUCTION OF GOODS FOR MANDATORY CONGRESSIONAL
REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

REF: (a) STATE 21472

¶1. Post is not aware of forced labor or exploitative child labor in
the production of goods in Maldives.

Forced Labor

¶2. Forced Labor: Post is not aware of forced labor in the
production of goods in Maldives. The Employment Act of 2008
prohibits forced labor.

Exploitative Child Labor

¶3. Post is not aware of exploitative child labor in the production
of goods in Maldives. The minimum age of employment is set at 16
years. The Employment Act bars children between 16 and 18 years
from hazardous work which may have a detrimental effect on health,
education, safety or conduct. However, Maldives has not ratified
ILO Convention 138 on Minimum Age for Admission to Employment and
Convention 182 on Elimination of Worst Forms of Child Labor.

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